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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2001.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 16 October 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>06/26/2003</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ault et al (U.S. 6,377,994).

3. As per claims 1, 7, 10, 18, 26 & 32 Ault disclosed a computer system comprising: a computer network; and a multi-community node (MCN) coupled to said computer network (col.2, lines 62-67), wherein said MCN comprises: a processing unit configured to receive a request for access to an object, wherein said processing unit is configured to permit access to said object in response to detecting said request is from a user (col.3, lines 1-20), wherein a user community set (UCS) of said user is a superset of an object community set (OCS) of said object, and wherein said processing unit is configured to permit access to said object in response to detecting said request is from a process, wherein an application process community set (ACS) of said process is a superset of said OCS; and a community information base (col.3, lines 36-51).

4. As per claims 2, 11, 19 & 27 Ault disclosed the method of claim 1, wherein said object is an operating system controlled resource (col.6, lines 11-18).

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5. As per claims 3, 12, 20 & 28 Ault disclosed the method of claim 2, wherein said object is selected from the group consisting of a file system, a storage volume, a directory, a file, a record, a memory region, a queue, a pipe, a socket, a port, or an input/output device (col.2, lines 17-24 & col.3, lines 1-6).

6. As per claims 4, 13, 21 & 29 Ault disclosed the method of claim 1, wherein the initial owner of said object is the creator of said object (col.3, lines 1-21).

7. As per claims 5, 14, 22 & 30 Ault disclosed the method of claim 1, further comprising permitting an owner of said object to designate a first user as a new owner of said object, in response to detecting a UCS of said first user is a superset of said OCS (col.2, lines 17-24 & col.5, lines 34-45)

8. As per claims 6, 15, 23 & 31 Ault disclosed the method of claim 1, further comprising allowing a first process to change said OCS of said object to a subset of said ACS of said first process, in response to detecting an owner of said first process is an owner of said object and said ACS is a superset of said OCS (col.3, lines 41-54)

9. As per claims 8, 16, 24 & 33 Ault disclosed the method of claim 7, wherein said CIB includes a UCS for each user of said MCN, an ACS for application on said MCN, and an OCS for each object residing within said MCN (col.3, lines 55-67).

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10. As per claims 9, 17, 25 & 34 Ault disclosed the method of claim 8, wherein said CIB further includes a creator and a current owner for each object residing within said MCN (col.3, lines 41-54).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Asghar Bilgrami whose telephone number is 571-272-3907. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:00-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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